

Minutes for Parkside Junior High PTO
March 11, 2010

Attendance: Kenneth Lee, Valerie Ambrose, Joe Lorenz, Lisa Matchett, Nancy Nakahara-Hulett, Val Farmer-Dougan

President's report: No separate report this month. Val's report may be found under old business concerning the rug purchase.

Secretary's report: A motion to approve the minutes after was made by Joe and seconded by Lisa.; the motion was unanimously passed.

Principal's report: ISAT's have been completed, and the third quarter has come to an end.

School Transition programs: The eighth grade transition program to NCWHS and NCHS has started, with introduction to the FMP program and 8th grade parent night held at the high schools. Approximately 9% of students will be going to NCHS, with the remaining 8th graders going to NCWHS. 5th grade parent night will be held in April, with 5th grade transition programs already beginning at the elementary schools.

Literacy. A school reach call went out to parents reminding them of the book drive. \$500 grant has been received from the Rotary, who also provided coats for many of the PJHS kids in need. Mr. Lee will be making a presentation to the Rotary to thank them at their April meeting. A second grant is being prepared, possibly for a Beyond the Books grant. April 17th will be PJHS day at Barnes and Nobles bookstore. This is a Saturday, so the fundraiser will be held all day, opening to closing. A variety of activities, performances and fun will be scheduled throughout this day.

Treasurer's report: Joe presented this month's budget. He noted that if successful, the book grant could provide as much as \$5000 in new books for the school. A request was made by Mr. Lee to fund book drive awards at \$250. Val Ambrose made a motion to provide money for these awards, Lisa seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

The new social studies curriculum was discussed, in that they will be using clickers for student participation. It is unclear how much this might cost, but discussion was generally favorable towards PTO funding these if the need arises.

Upcoming events: Nurses Day is 5/6/2010; Administrative professionals day will be 4/21/2010; Staff appreciation week will be the first day of May; 6th grade orientation is April 22nd, Awards night will be in late May. The 7th grade volleyball team will be playing for the state championship at BJHS on Saturday @ 2:15. Congratulations to the Python Volleyball team!

New Business: Three teachers will be retiring this year: Mrs. Vittitoe, Mrs. Monfore, and Mr. Nagle. We need to be preparing retirement gifts for these teachers.

Old Business:

Entry mats have been measured for the front door. WE are looking to purchase 8 3'x10' runners for the front entry doors and bus lanes, 8 4'x6' mats for the second entry and a large runner for the front office. Prices will be approximately \$2300. Val FD made a motion to purchase the rugs for a maximum amount of \$2300, and Joe seconded the motion. It was unanimously passed.

Landscaping discussions are ongoing. There will likely be a family workday for the front gardens this spring.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, 4/08/10.

Respectfully submitted
Val Farmer-Dougan
Secretary